



Rotary Club of Pearl River, P.O. Box 824, Pearl River, NY 10965
 District 7210 - Region 8 - Zone 32 - Club #4982 – Charter Date December 12, 1935

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Rotary Meeting
 Greenhouse Cafe - Pearl River, New York
 Date: January 17th 2013

Pledge: Gibby

Invocation: Bob Craig



Visiting Rotarians: Doug Sturomski (also our speaker)

Guests: Rita Herman guest of son-in-law George Westphal

Birthdays: Mike Piccolo (we let you off easy this time Mike, next year you'll be leading the troops in a rousing version of Happy Birthday)

Anniversaries: Karen & Chris Kormusis, Lauri and Bob Craig



Announcements: President John thanked the club for our concerns and well wishes for his unknown illness and for his family that cancelled their cruise vacation to be by his side.

Valentine's Brunch at Restaurant X- Feb. 17th, noontime. Only 40 seats are available so grab your Valentine while there is still time. \$50/ea., Checks preferred. See Carol.

Super Bowl- Ray explains "there are just so many chances to win!"- Every time there is a score change, somebody wins with a grand prize at the end. Last year's game featured 11 score changes. Please get your money to Ray, cash is best.

Dictionary Project- Lauri is looking for 5 Rotarians to join her at each school for distribution. This is a great community service project with the opportunity for a few lucky Rotarians to actually meet with the children receiving the dictionaries in the classroom.

Re-gifting Party- Jan 23rd at the Greenhouse. Lot's of fun and tons of laughs every time we have held this Polio Plus fundraiser. See Jim Shepard.

New Member Induction-



Don Thorkelson, sponsored by Ray Coyle, inducted by Jeffrey and President John is now our 75th member. Don, in the Real Estate business, told us he is honored to become a member and we are thrilled to have him. Please make it a point to get to know Don and roll out that PR Rotary welcome mat.

Chris Kormusis is hosting a new (and newish) member get together at his house, 7pm (if you want a head start on the beverages be there at 3), I believe on Jan. 25th but check with Chris on that. New members include: Don Thorkelson, Doug Ward, Ryan O’Gorman, Mike Piccolo, Frank Perri, Chris Smith, Bob Zuppe, Stephen Munno, and Brian Doyle. If I missed anybody, I apologize, just show up!

Queen of Hearts a la Eddie Fisher- Rita Herman came up with the five of puppies feet ♣ so the pot grows bigger for next week.

Happy Bucks- One of our newer members, Frank Perri was drafted into action. Nancy’s niece Allison is attending the Presidential Inauguration as part of the National Youth Leadership Forum. She has the honor of introducing Ramsey Clark. Many happy bucks were offered to celebrate the life of Ron Beckerle with many fond memories. Jim Murphy told of attending his PR Rotary indoctrination with Ron and Gus Pappas and Ron joking about their oxygen tanks were “not mandatory”. There was great debate about what is in a Rob Roy? Frank Neeson spoke of the “quiet warrior” and how much Ron enjoyed all his grandchildren. Ed Grant acknowledged that Ron is at peace and how appropriate Jim Stewart’s bulletin sentiments reflected Ron’s feelings for the club and his belief that *“Fellowship is the glue that binds us”*. Jeffrey commented that Joe’s eulogy for his dad was the best he has ever heard in his lifetime. Many other dollars filled the basket to welcome the world’s newest Rotarian, Don Thorkelson.



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Program:



Jeffrey brought us Newburgh Rotarian and Paul Harris Fellow: Doug Sturomski. Doug is the founder and director of the Peace Bell Foundation. Not only did Doug tell us about the Peace Bell effort to promote world peace but he gave us a myriad of interesting facts about bells and carillons. Doug noted that in times of war, bells were melted down to create cannons but in times of peace, cannons are melted down to make bells. Riverside Church in NYC sports a 20 ton working bell. As a finale, Doug organized a group of musically challenged club members, armed them with bells, and then thrilled the house by conducting them to play: "When the Saints Come Marching" In followed by Beethoven as you've never heard him before. Thanks Doug!

Four Way Test: Oops, forgot who led us.

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